

*Damon Tinio, Chairman  
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Timothy Aicardi  
Michael Ammendolia  
William Aten*

## **TOWN OF MENDON**

**Conservation Commission  
Mendon Town Hall  
20 Main Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756**

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### **Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009**

Attending: D. Tinio, T. Aicardi, William Aten and P. Coffin; F. Lapham, Shea Engineering; Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; Shirley Smith, 188 Providence Street.

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Chairman Tinio reviewed Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with members. Owner of 123 Uxbridge Road plans to construct three decks on existing house. Members agreed there would be no wetland impact and signed the negative determination.

National Grid informed Con. Com. that they need to remove 2 dead trees near their power line on Kinsley Lane near the bend in the road. Applicant plans to keep wood out of the Lake. Members signed negative determination.

F. Lapham requested permission to access Lot 1 Butler Road with an excavator through the right of way to create test holes. Mike Salvador will be doing the work and will use the least invasive means. Members signed negative determination.

F. Lapham informed members that he received the final draft of the Planning Board's covenant for Strawberry Hill Estates. This must be incorporated into the final plan. Members reviewed Order of Conditions and approved with no additional conditions.

Members asked F. Lapham about status of Miscoe Springs. Fred reported that Bruce Wheeler spoke with Dean Foods. Miscoe Springs is waiting for permission to use Mr. Wheeler's property for a detention basin. P. Coffin asked whether we have been receiving reports from Miscoe Springs.  
*Action: D. Willoughby to contact M. Hebert for the current catch basin inspection log.*

F. Lapham presented his request for an Extension Permit for Sylvan Spring's Order of Conditions. One year and eight months after the Order was issued the Army Corps of Engineers and an Indian tribe got involved. Fred explained that if wetlands are being filled in a development a water quality certification is required. T. Aicardi made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to extend the Order of Conditions three years for Sylvan Springs. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed A. Mazar's initial concern with forest cutting on Asylum Street. They received a subsequent e-mail from her indicating there were no issues.

Members reviewed forest cutting plan for 120 Chapin Road.

Members will address Meadow Brook Woods site walk at next meeting. They will also postpone reviewing earth removal bylaw until M. Ammendolia can attend meeting.

P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Coffin left meeting for discussion of Lot 4 Quissett Road. D. Tinio read letter from L. Pearson regarding notice pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 61 & 61A. T. Aicardi made and D. Tinio stepped down and seconded a motion indicating that the town is not interested in buying the Pearson property. The motion carried. *Action: D. Willoughby to send letter to Mr. Pearson asking what he plans to do on the property in the buffer. She shall also e-mail D. Pleau and Terry indicating members are not interested in property.*

R. Sweet informed members that he wants to maximize the use of his property for agricultural purposes. P. Coffin directed him to get a professional to advise him.

Members reviewed and signed BOS License Routing Slips for Class II Licenses for Certified Sales, Inc., Brian's Tire & Brake, Champney Used Auto, Copart Salvage Auto Auction, Fabbulous Motor Sales, Mendon Auto Sales, Taylor Rental, Sutfol Auto Sales, Inc., Stop & Save Auto Sales, Richie's Driveline; Class I Licenses for East Acres Recreational Vehicles, Imperial Chrysler, Dodge & Jeep, Imperial Ford, Imperial Chrysler, T&T Sales & Repairs; Common Victualler's License, Blackstone Valley Farmer's Market, Deluxe Pizza, Dino's Two, Dunkin Donuts, George's Surf n Turf, Mendon X-Tra Mart, Rebecca's Place Too, Pop's Popcorn, Miss Mendon Diner, Mendon Dance Center, Sunny Farms, RGMA Subway; Street License, ACTS Airport & Casino; Hawkers, Peddlers, Transient Vendor's License, Lambert's Flowers of Mendon, Hawkers; Lodging, Executive Manor Lodging House; Entertainment-Live, Common Vic., RAD Skate Park of Mendon; Restaurant/Common Vic, The Finest.

Members reviewed Stormwater Management packet from BOS. They noted that the EPA is initiating civil penalty enforcement.

S. Smith reported that she attended Mr. Cohen's seminar on cold water fisheries. Muddy Brook, Spring Brook and Hop Brook are the cold water fisheries in Mendon.

A Mendon resident, who is attending University of Massachusetts in Amherst, is working on a project to gain insight into town government and planning. *Action: D. Willoughby to give him P. Coffin's contact information.*

W. Aten joined meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Members discussed the lack of response to a request for a site visit from owner of Oak Tree Garden. *Action: D. Willoughby to send the owner and his son a letter requesting two possible days on a weekend 2009 when a site visit would be possible, at his convenience, between now and December 15,. Letters will be sent to the owner via certified return receipt mailing to his place of business and residence. A letter will also be sent to his son at his residence.*

Members reviewed a letter from Gary Smith regarding a 26-acre parcel available for purchase off Millville Road and Pleasant Street owned by Mr. Gannett. *Action: D. Willoughby to send G. Smith a letter saying members are not interested in the lad and do not offer their support at this time.*

D. Willoughby provided members with interesting information she learned at the Enforcement Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Clerk